



**RYECROFT**  
C.E. MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Holy Communion at St Michael's Church, Rocester**

During the last school year, I enjoyed working with Ryecroft C.E Middle School to introduce Holy Communion to the pupils and staff. Holy Communion happens in many church schools and it adds to the experience of the pupils and enables them to explore faith for themselves as they grow and mature.

I have proceeded in line with the Church of England rules and laws which state that children must be baptised (Christened) before being admitted to Communion and even then only after careful preparation. In the past anyone who wished to receive communion in the Church of England had to have been Confirmed. This requirement has been relaxed so that children can experience being fully involved in worship without the pressure of making a more adult commitment when they are perhaps still too young for that step.

We have planned to hold services of Holy Communion at St Michael's church on the following Wednesday mornings this academic year:

**18<sup>th</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup> December, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 22<sup>nd</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> July.**

We will start as soon as we are ready after 9.15am. Any family members and governors would be most welcome to attend.

As there are pupils from various church backgrounds in school, I am happy to accept parental permission for their child to receive communion in school, if they already receive communion at a church according to that church's policy and practice. If this is the case then please complete the consent form by clicking on the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Dg5uRQt5fp>

If you would like further information, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

**Rev'd Liz Jones**

The Dove and Churnet Benefice  
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